

PERSHING VICTORY EXPANDS; OVER 15,000 PRISONERS; FRENCH ATTACK

Entire St. Mihiel Salient Wiped Out From Fresnes on Northwest to Pagny Which Lies Near the German Border South of Metz

NEW BLOW BY FRENCH HITS HINDENBURG LINE

South of the Ailette River the French Captured Mont Desiages and the Villages of Allemont and Sanoy—Progress Made Toward Forest of Coucy

London, Sept. 14, 1:30 p. m. (by the Associated Press).—General Pershing's troops in their operations in the St. Mihiel sector have increased the number of Germans captured to 15,000.

French troops began a new attack at dawn to-day on both sides of the Ailette river and between the river Aisne and the Vesle river.

The attack of the French forces in the direction of the forest of Coucy, at the southern end of the St. Gobain massif, was progressing satisfactorily this morning.

South of the Ailette river the French captured Mont Desiages and the villages of Allemont and Sanoy.

The French also reached the edge of the town of Vailly, on the Aisne.

The French advanced for a distance of between one and two miles on an 11-mile front.

The attack was launched by the French at 5 o'clock this morning. One division at an early hour had taken 1,000 prisoners, making a total of 1,800 Germans captured on that front alone.

In addition to the 15,000 Germans captured by the Americans in the St. Mihiel salient, more prisoners are coming in. The inside of the pocket has not yet been cleared, and it is expected more guns will be taken.

The German counter-attacks against the French advancing on the Ailette river front appeared to have been weak, although the front line was strongly held. The German prisoners say they had orders to hold at all costs.

In their attack south of the river Aisne, the French also made satisfactory progress and captured prisoners. The advance of the French threatens to turn the flank of the German defensive positions on the Chemin des Dames, and it also endangers Laon.

As the result of the British progress yesterday in the district northwest of St. Quentin, the British line has been established east of the villages of Hebecourt and Jeancourt.

MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.

Americans Were Moving Through St. Mihiel Sector.

Paris, Sept. 13, Friday, 6:20 p. m.—The Americans were progressing steadily throughout the afternoon in the St. Mihiel sector.

BRITISH TOOK 1,200

In Their Operations Before Hindenburg Line on Thursday.

With the British Army in France, Friday, Sept. 13 (By the Associated Press).—Fighting along the new British line in the Havincourt-Gouzeaucourt sector to-day was confined mainly to mopping-up operations at various points by the aggressors. Havincourt village was being bombarded fiercely by the German artillery, however.

More than 1,200 prisoners were captured yesterday and the German casualties were severe.

ADVANCED SLIGHTLY ON AISNE.

Americans Also Made a Raid with Some Success.

With the American Army on the Aisne Front, Thursday, Sept. 12, 10 p. m. (By the Associated Press).—American infantrymen operating on this front advanced their line slightly at several points southeast of Villers-en-Prayeres, to the northwest of Reville, to-day.

An American raiding party, sent out against the enemy to the east of Villers-en-Prayeres before daylight to-day, brought back a few prisoners.

CALLS ESTHONIA ANOTHER BELGIUM

Although People of the Former Baltic Province of Russia Are Maintaining a Resolute Struggle Against Pan-Germanic Plans.

London, Sept. 14 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Esthonia, the former Baltic province of Russia, now dominated by the Germans, is another Belgium, asserts Professor Antonius Pupa, an Esthonian diplomatic representative in this country. Esthonians, he declares, are maintaining a resolute struggle against Pan-Germanic plans to unite Esthonia with Germany, and standing firm in defense of Esthonian independence.

CALLED AMERICANS TERRIBLE ADVERSARIES

German Officer Captured in St. Mihiel So Characterized Them—American Wounded Forget Suffering in Joy Over the Victory

Paris, Friday, Sept. 13.—The first batches of wounded who arrived at an evacuation hospital behind the battle front to-day from the St. Mihiel fighting forgot their sufferings in their joy over the beating the Germans had been given, says the correspondent of La Liberte behind the fighting line. A captured German officer when interrogated declared the Americans were "terrible adversaries," the correspondent reported. The wounded men in the hospital described the fighting as of the severest sort, especially in the dense woods scattered about the salient and also along the railroad line. Scarcely two hours after the attack was launched the Germans started a counter-attack with three divisions which, however, were unable to stop the American advance.

"The American troops," adds the correspondent, "showed magnificent bravery and disregard of danger, while some of the French regiments went into the battle with their colors flying and the men singing the Marseillaise."

PERU REFUSED TO DECLARE WAR

When Case Was Squarely Put Up to the Cabinet at Secret Session of Chamber of Deputies.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 14.—A motion for a declaration of war on Germany, made at a secret session of the Peruvian chamber of deputies last night, was defeated by a large majority. Instead the chamber approved a motion presented by the minister of foreign affairs, reading as follows:

"The rupture of diplomatic relations between Peru and Germany on Oct. 5, 1917, and the later acts of the Peruvian government resulting from said rupture altering the neutral policy of the country, define the international situation of Peru in the present war and constitute a demonstration of the adherence of the republic to the cause of liberty and right."

"This position in the event of no new circumstances should be maintained and unaltered as a protest against the outrage of which Peru was the victim and as testimony of our solidarity with the great American democracy which proclaims for the world the reign of justice."

It is expected the Senate will approve the resolution.

COMPANY PROMISES TO OBEY WAR BOARD

Bethlehem Steel Co. Will Put Into Effect Immediately the Board's Award in the Wage Controversy.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—Threatened labor difficulties at the Bethlehem, Pa., steel works have been averted by a promise from the company to obey an order from the war labor board to put into effect immediately the board's award in the wage controversy.

HAD UNSETTLING EFFECT.

Wilson's Order Disturbed Cotton Prices in New York.

New York, Sept. 14.—President Wilson's announcement defining the scope and intentions of the proposed investigation of cotton conditions by the war industries board, had a very unsettling effect on the market here this morning. The opening was extremely active and excited, with liquidation general, at a decline of 100 to 135 points from last night's closing figures. October contracts sold at 33.08, or 86.75 a bale under yesterday's final quotations, and more than \$12 a bale below the high price of Tuesday's closing.

FLURRY IN COTTON

Was Caused By Wilson's Threat About Basic Price.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 14.—Announcement by President Wilson that, if found necessary, a basic price would be fixed for cotton, caused a wild and sensational opening on the New Orleans cotton exchange to-day. The first few minutes of trading prices dropped an average of \$11.50 per bale. As compared with closing prices yesterday, quotations ranged from 227 to 235 points lower on the active months. It was the widest drop ever recorded here in a smaller period of trading.

TO ENLIST COLLEGE GIRLS

To Release Men in United States for Military Service.

Paris, Sept. 14.—Miss Elsie Gunther, chief of the female labor bureau of the American expeditionary force, has gone to the United States to recruit 5,000 American girl clerks to release men for military service. Miss Gunther will seek to enlist college girls.

Judged By Their Records.

Mrs. Kowler—But how do you know what kind of people the Newcomers are if you've never met them?

Mrs. Platt—I have heard their phonograph selections.—Boston Transcript.

Where the "U's" Are "V's."

"Glancing across Boylston street from my restaurant this morning," postcards J. C. B., "I almost had shell shock to see the name of G. Vireck engraved on the public library. Using my two doughnuts as opera glasses, however, I discovered that the exact spelling was Gvericke, name of the German philosopher. I barely escaped indigestion.—Boston Transcript.

BOLSHEVIKI LOSE PETROGRAD

City Reported to Have Been Captured by Anti-Revolutionists

Other Reports Tell of Prospective Flight of Officials

Paris, Sept. 13, (Havas).—Petrograd has been taken by the anti-revolutionists, according to despatches to English papers.

LENINE AND TROTSKY READY TO FLEE

Indications From Russia Point to the Breaking Up of the Bolsheviki Regime—Situation Is Desperate.

London, Friday, Sept. 13.—The government still is without news from Robert H. B. Lockhart, British consul general in Moscow, and the other British subjects held prisoner in Russia, but indications for their release are continuing.

The latest information in official quarters confirms the reports of the desperate situation in Russia, indicating the breaking up of the bolshevik regime. Premier Lenin and War Minister Trotsky, it is declared, made all preparations a month ago to escape to Switzerland.

There is still no direct news of the fate of the former empress and her family. The Swedish Folkets Dagbladet, however, says Foreign Minister Thelander has denied the reported murders.

HARD FIGHT AGAINST FIRE.

Waterbury, Conn., Had \$100,000 Blaze This Morning.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 14.—Fire of unknown origin, starting in the works of the Lux Clock Manufacturing company, early this morning, did damage estimated at from \$100,000 to \$125,000. The blaze was kept confined to the four-story brick building at 17, 19 and 21 Harrison avenue, owned by Michael J. McEvoy, the two upper stories of which are occupied by the Lux company. M. J. McEvoy's cafe, on the first floor, and the undertaking parlors and furniture storage rooms of the Filley & Crane company, on the first and second floors, sustained heavy damage.

The entire fire department was called out, and the fire was kept from spreading to an adjoining building, in which is the Kingsbury hotel. Only recently two other buildings in the same neighborhood, the Chase building and the Hodson hotel, were badly damaged by fires.

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The entire staff of the paper were taken to police headquarters to be questioned regarding articles published in connection with the attempted strike of miners in the Butte district.

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Boston, Sept. 14.—Major Raymond Leonat of the French army took up his duties to-day as director of instruction for American soldiers in this country. Major Leonat will have headquarters here with the department of the northeast of the United States army.

HAIG ADVANCES IN LYS SECTOR

His Forces Have Occupied Auchy-les-Labasse, To-day's Report Says

GERMAN BLOWS WERE BEATEN DOWN

Although Liquid Fire Drove British Back Temporarily at One Place

London, Sept. 14.—Field Marshal Haig's forces have occupied Auchy-les-Labasse in the Lys sector, says to-day's British war office statement.

Several attempts made by the Germans to recover their former positions at Gouzeaucourt and Havincourt were unsuccessful.

During the night a strong bombing and liquid fire attack was made on the British positions northwest of Gouzeaucourt. This attack temporarily forced a British advanced post to withdraw but the Germans were beaten off.

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ONLY ONE-THIRD COAL SUPPLY CAN BE BOUGHT

Barre Consumers of Anthracite May Purchase More in the Winter, Says State Administrator.

Consumers of domestic coal in Barre are now entitled to only a third of the supply given them last winter, according to a notice served on local fuel dealers by Fuel Administrator H. J. M. Jones. Changing conditions make necessary the new ruling, and while the statement is made that present sales must be limited to one-third of the normal purchase, it does not follow necessarily that consumers are to be deprived of the opportunity to purchase more coal in the winter.

"In every instance homes are to be given the preference this winter," Mr. Jones stated to an interviewer to-day. Which means that there may be hard times ahead for churches, bowling alleys, pool and billiard parlors and bar rooms, among other places that are regarded in the present instance as being non-essential.

"Use more No. 1 buckwheat coal and buy more wood" is the terse advice which the fuel administrator hands out to the consumer. His recommendations were concisely given in the interview and should be carefully scanned by readers of the Times. It is not the purpose of the fuel administration to let the people suffer from cold weather this winter, but the people are asked to meet the coal dealers and the administrator at least half way by using the so-called buckwheat coal, which is an anthracite fuel, and substituting wood wherever possible.

In short, it is to be inferred from Mr. Jones' story of the situation, as narrated to the interviewer, that conditions in Barre are no worse than obtain elsewhere in the state but that they may be very measurably alleviated if the consumer carries out the recommendations.

In his remarks Mr. Jones strongly emphasized the fact that the consumer must look at the fuel situation from a Feb. 1 angle instead of Sept. 15, when a few inches of wood or a bundle of last week's newspapers will remove the chill to reassuring thoughts of the beautiful Indian summer days that must intervene before the winds of winter blow. Said the administrator:

"Last spring the U. S. fuel administrator gave instructions to deliver full quotas of coal to consumers of six tons and less, and two-thirds of the larger orders. These instructions were issued before we knew the amount of coal that could be allotted to Vermont. The dealers, began to deliver coal as per these instructions, in rotation as per these orders, insofar as they could. The price April 1 was the low mark. In June the freight rates were advanced, and this made an increase in the cost of coal. Sept. 1 the producers of coal advanced their price, necessitating another advance in the retail price."

Mr. Jones paused at this point to answer a long distance call from the dealer in Putney, who wanted to know something about coal cars. It was the first of any number of calls that are sent in during the day. They come from as far north as Jay and as far south as Whitehall. The fuel administrator set in motion the machinery that will send an empty gondola or two into Putney and then resumed:

"When we received instructions from Washington last spring to make deliveries and to urge the people to buy, we

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BURGLAR GOT BIG LOOT.

Several Thousand Dollars in Furs and Other Valuables.

Stockbridge, Mass., Sept. 14.—Police officers have no clue to the second-story burglars who last night ransacked the residence of Appleton Wade on Main street and carried off several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry, furs valued at \$500, thrift stamps and 800 in money. The jewelry stolen belonged to Mrs. Wade and to Mrs. W. F. Garrison, who is stopping at the Wade home. About 10 o'clock last evening, while seated in the library, the family heard strange noises, and investigation revealed the robbery. Entrance was gained by forcing a bathroom window over the piazza roof. This same house was burglarized in similar manner several years ago when occupied by Mrs. John Swan.

PERSHING COMMENDS SCOUTS.

Says That on Them Will Soon Fall the Burden of Our Civilization.

New York, Sept. 14.—General Pershing, American commander-in-chief overseas and directing genius of the victorious Lorraine offensive, has sent greetings from the American expeditionary forces to "the splendid army of 442,000 American boy scouts," it was announced at headquarters of the organization here to-day. In a letter the American general expressed appreciation of "all you are doing for our great cause," and added: "Upon you will soon fall the burden of our civilization. Every act and thought of yours, in keeping with the scout law, will help to make good citizens and soldiers. Obey it in letter and spirit and all the older scouts who are fighting for you and all we hold dear will shake hands with you as comrades who helped them win the war."

CITIZENS GUARD CINCINNATI

During Strike of Policemen, Boy Scouts Act as Traffic Officers.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 14.—A small batch of blue-coated policemen and a large batch of drab-clad home guards watched over Cincinnati during the night and this city awoke this morning to its second day of a policemen's strike. Six hundred home guards reported at 7 a. m. to-day and relieved the 600 that went on duty last night. This line of procedure will be followed until the police force is reorganized. Safety Director Holmes announced that the boy scouts would be pressed into service to regulate and guide traffic at the principal corners.

SPEED OF DRIVE SURPRISING

In View of Fact That Seven German Divisions Opposed Americans

AMERICAN OFFICIALS TALK OF NEXT MOVE

Anxiously Await News of the Extent of Booty Secured

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—With the St. Mihiel salient wiped out by General Pershing's army, interest of officials here was divided to-day between the next probable move by the American forces and the amount of booty that had fallen to them in the short time required for the accomplishment of the first task assigned them as an independent operating army.

Latest reports from the front did not make it clear whether the Americans and the supporting French forces had halted on a new line in the shape of a bow from Fresnes to the Moselle river at Pagny, where the German border was in sight, or still were pushing the enemy.

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MESSAGE FROM THE TRENCHES

Will Be Given at Barre Opera House Next Tuesday Evening.

"A Message from the Trenches," which is the subject of the free war lecture to be given in the opera house Tuesday evening by Rev. Allan A. Stockdale under the auspices of the Barre Board of Trade, will be a message of timely interest to Barre people, for the speaker's recent Red Triangle service in France was given almost wholly to the famous 26th division, in which so many Vermont boys are attached. Rev. Mr. Stockdale, who is best remembered locally for the excellent lecture which he gave in the opera house a few winters since, came directly from the point of debarkation on the Atlantic coast to his summer camp at Lake Caspian, where members of the Barre colony persuaded him to speak here, although he had refused a large number of engagements here in the East.

Undoubtedly the best war lecture that Barre has heard will be given Tuesday evening in the Board of Trade is especially fortunate in obtaining the services of Rev. Mr. Stockdale. The lecture begins at 8 o'clock and the committee states that children under 12 will not be permitted to enter the theatre unless they are accompanied by their elders. Rev. Mr. Stockdale is to return immediately to Toledo, O., after filling his Barre engagement.

4,051 CITIZENS; 711 DECLARANTS.

In Washington County Draft Registration on Thursday.

The following figures were given out by the Washington county local board relative to the different classes of men who registered Thursday in Washington county. Monday the board will probably give the number of men who registered in the different ages, while probably other interesting data will also be compiled. Extra clerks were working Friday evening, getting the data together.

Native-born citizens 2,977

Naturalized 929

Citizens by father's naturalization 154

Sub total 4,051

Declarant aliens 266

Non-declarant aliens 445

Sub total 711

Grand total 4,762

The shortage is due to persons in the state hospital.

Whites 4,767

Negroes 5

Grand total 4,762

COLLIDED WITH STEAM ROLLER.

Trolley Car Did Not Fare Very Well at Stratford, Conn.

Stratford, Conn., Sept. 14.—Two men were seriously injured and a number more or less injured, when a trolley car bound to Bridgeport collided with a steam roller just east of Washington bridge early to-day. Those seriously injured are: Thomas Grecco of Howard avenue, New Haven, engineer of the steam roller, and Abraham Konenig, conductor of the trolley car.

TOLD OF SHIP ATTACK.

Steamer Arriving at Atlantic Port Did Not Know of Vessel's Fate.

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 14.—A report of an encounter between a German submarine and an American sailing ship last Thursday morning about 200 miles off the American coast, was brought here to-day by a steamship from Central American ports. The identity and fate of the sailing vessel which the men on the ship arriving to-day said was being shelled, was not learned.